

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY
CAMDEN VICINAGE**

CARLOS RAFAEL	:	
CASTANEDA MENDEZ,	:	CIV. NO. 23-1010 (RMB)
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Petitioner	:	
v.	:	MEMORANDUM OPINION
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WARDEN FCI FORT DIX,	:	
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Respondent	:	

IT APPEARING THAT:

1. On or about February 21, 2023, Petitioner Carlos Rafael Castaneda Mendez, a prisoner confined in the Federal Correctional Institution in Fort Dix, New Jersey (“FCI Fort Dix”), filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, alleging the Bureau of Prisons (“BOP”) unlawfully found him ineligible for application of First Step Act (“FSA”) Time Credits because he is subject to an immigration detainer. (Docket No. 1.)

2. On May 11, 2023, Respondent submitted a letter brief in lieu of an answer, arguing that the habeas petition is moot because the BOP revised Program Statement 5410.01 to remove reference to immigration detainers rendering inmates ineligible to apply FSA Time Credits. (Declaration of Cyntrena Cross-Peart, Docket No. 6-1, ¶ 14.) Therefore, BOP calculated and applied 150 days of FSA Time Credits toward Petitioner’s release date. (*Id.*, ¶¶ 15, 16.) Respondent contends the habeas petition is moot because the case no longer presents a live case or controversy. (Docket No. 6 at 2.)

3. “If developments occur during the course of adjudication that eliminate a plaintiff’s personal stake in the outcome of a suit or prevent a court from being able to grant the requested relief, the case must be dismissed as moot.” *Blanciak v. Allegheny Ludlum Corp.*, 77 F.3d 690, 698–99 (3d Cir. 1996).

4. Petitioner has received the appropriate habeas relief, application of his earned FSA Time Credits. Therefore, the petition is moot, and the Court will dismiss this matter.

An accompanying Order follows.

DATE: **May 17, 2023**

s/Renée Marie Bumb
RENÉE MARIE BUMB
Chief United States District Judge